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## **Sen. Cassis welcomes GM crash test facility to Milford**

**LANSING** – State Sen. Nancy Cassis welcomed news that General Motors plans to build a new testing facility in Milford. The facility is the centerpiece of a \$33 million investment by GM in state-of-the-art crash testing at the Milford Proving Ground.

“With this investment, General Motors continues its strong commitment to staying on the cutting edge of technology and to doing so in Oakland County,” Cassis said.

The rollover facility will be used to develop rollover-sensing systems for airbags and development of occupant protection systems to reduce the likelihood of ejection in a crash.

The new facility, set to open in late 2006, will conduct 120 to 150 tests per year with the capacity for more.

Cassis also applauded GM for their sponsorship of the FIRST Robotics competition. FIRST Robotics is a multinational competition that teams professionals and young people to solve an engineering design problem in an intense and competitive way. Students work to master technical skills like drafting, mathematics, problem solving, and writing. Novi High School and Huron Valley Schools are the current co-world champions of the FIRST Robotics competition.

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